



SPEAKER'S BIO



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Liz Brenner is a Commissioner working out of the Minneapolis field office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS). She assists parties in the private, public, and federal sectors in contract negotiations, grievance mediation and resolving workplace disputes. She has worked in industries ranging from health care, transportation, manufacturing, professional services, utilities, and more.

In her work as Commissioner, she is experienced in facilitating and mediating negotiations, using both traditional as well as collaborative bargaining models. This work supports parties in reaching agreements to aid them in working more effectively. Her goal in working with labor organizations and management fosters the parties working together to keep what works and where necessary to restructure processes and practices for mutual benefit.

She routinely develops and delivers customized training in a wide variety of topics, including collective bargaining, contract administration, steward/supervisor relationships, labor management committee structure and process, problem solving, communication, cultural and generational diversity, unconscious bias, conflict resolution, and more.

Prior to joining FMCS, Liz worked in Human Resources and Employee and Labor Relations roles with private and Federal organizations, including the Federal Judiciary and the Department of Veterans Affairs in Minnesota. Liz has focused her work throughout her career on effective communication and problem solving.

Liz holds a Master of Arts in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota, and a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Development, with a focus on training, from the University of Minnesota